grounds. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to restrict local area of a telephole system to 5 Kms. radial distance form the exchange or upto Municipality/ Corporation boundary.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The existing manual exchange is proposed to be replaced by 500 lines electronic exchange during 1989-90.

Bakreshwar Thermal Project

1953. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided not to pass on the 70 per cent Soviet credit to West Bengal Government for the implementation of the Bakreshwar Thermal Project, in the State sector; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) At present, government-to-government external credits are being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector. The position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Bakreshwar project would be executed by them in the State Sector.

Bakreshwar Thermal Power project

1954. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion between the Central Government and the West Bengal Government over the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project;

(b) if so, whether the same has since been resolved; and

(c) what is Central Governent's policy for international financing of power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The State Governments can obtain loan assistance from multilateral funding agencies, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Bilateral, external credits are, at present, being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector.

This position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Gakreshwar thermal power project would be implemented by them in the State Sector.

Development of Telecom service in Andhra Pradesh

1955. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the programmes pertaining to developments in Telecom services in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88 and so far in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The details of achievements during the year

1987-88 and so far in the current year are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of important achievements in Telecom services in Andhra Pradesh during the year **1987-88** *and up to* **31-10-1988** *in the current financial year*

S.No.	Item	Achievement during	
		1987-88	1988-89 (upto 31-10-88)
1	No. of exchanges expanded	126	31
2	No. of New Exchanges opened	77	7
3	Net Switching Capacity added	24050	13285
4	Net DEL's added	20531	8869
5	Local P.C.O. Added	98	78
6	Long Distance public Telephone	41	5
7	No. of Telex Exchanges expanded	1	
8	No. of New Telex Exch. opened	2	2
9	Net Telex Capacity added	190	..
10	Telex connections added	329	86

Telephone Services in Madanapalle

1956. SHR TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor telephone service in Madanapalle in Chittor of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the schemes under consideration for improving the services in Madanapalle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The telephone services of Madanapalle are generally satisfactory.

(b) For further improvement of this exchange it has been planned for its automatisation during 1989-90. Also it is being considered to introduce STD facility in this exchange during Eighth Five Year Plan.

Thermal Power units in Andhra Pradesh

1957. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of thermal power units working under the Natural Thermal Power Corporation in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the installed capacity of each unit and their respective past performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Four thermal units have been commissioned at the National Ther-